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1. AS PER REFTEL, CONGRESS HAS PASSED P.L. 93-554, WHICH IMPOSES A LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT FOR TRAVEL IN FY 1975.

2. DEPARTMENT IN COMPLYING WITH PROVISIONS OF THIS LEGISLATION IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT MINIMIZE EFFECT ON HOME LEAVE OR TRANSFER TRAVEL. IT IS INEVITABLE, HOWEVER, THAT SOME MOVEMENTS SCHEDULED FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR WILL HAVE TO BE DELAYED IN ORDER TO REDUCE EXPENDITURE OF FY 1975 TRAVEL FUNDS.

3. DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUING TO PROCESS ASSIGNMENTS OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR TRANSFER DURING REMAINDER OF FY 1975. FOR TIME BEING, HOWEVER, WE CANNOT CONFIRM TRANSFER TRAVEL WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BEGIN DURING APRIL-JUNE QUARTER. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, DEPARTMENT WILL NOTIFY AFFECTED PERSONNEL OF THEIR ASSIGNMENTS WHEN MADE, BUT WILL NOT SPECIFY TIMING OF TRAVEL.

4. AT THIS POINT, WE ANTICIPATE THAT MOST DEFERRED TRAVEL CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN JULY. WE REGRET THAT PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR TRANSFER MAY HAVE TO DEFER MAKING FIRM PLANS FOR MOVEMENT, AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MINIMIZE BOTH PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY AND NUMBER OF PERSONS WHOSE TRAVEL MUST BE DEFERRED.

5. IF ANY INDIVIDUAL IS WILLING TO DEFER TRAVEL, AND IF POST CONCURS, DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE NOTIFIED PROMPTLY. WE WILL THEN CONFIRM TIMING TO ENABLE INDIVIDUAL TO PLAN TRAVEL AND ANY HOME LEAVE INVOLVED. IN OTHER CASES, DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM INDIVIDUALS AS SOON AS IT DETERMINES WHETHER OR NOT TRAVEL CAN TAKE PLACE WITHOUT DELAY.

6. IT IS POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER HOME
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LEAVE (ROUND-TRIP) TRAVEL DURING THE APRIL-JUNE QUARTER
WILL BE AFFECTED. IN MEANTIME, NO OBLIGATIONS CAN BE
INCURRED UNTIL NOTIFIED. WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO INFORM
POSTS SHORTLY.
7. WE WILL KEEP FIELD INFORMED OF SITUATION. KISSINGER